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"Let reverence for laws be breathed by every American mother to the lisping babe that prattles on her lap; let it be taught in schools, in seminaries and colleges; let it be written in primers, spelling books and almanacs; let it be preached from the pulpit, proclaimed in legislative halls, and enforced in courts of justice. And in short, let it become the political religion of the nation; and let the old and the young, the rich and the poor, the grave and the gay of all sexes and tongues and colors and conditions, sacrifice unceasingly upon its altars."

Weather forecast for South Carolina: Increasing cloudiness Tuesday, probably followed by rain by night. Wednesday rain and colder.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1915.

How did you celebrate?
Was your Christmas a merry one? Here's hoping it was.
The best kind of preparedness is that against the boll weevil.
May we have no crookers and knickers during the coming year.
Begin to shape up those new year's resolutions and resolve to keep them.
After all is it to be a Kilkenny cat fight in Europe without a greasy spot being left.
To all the Christmas home comers we say we want you to come again next Christmas.
Farewell, John Barleycorn. May your leavetaking on January 1, 1916, be long and lasting.

The Greenville Piedmont says the weather forecast for January 1st is very dry. So note it be.

All of our business men, especially those who advertise in The News had a good holiday trade.

What has become of those noisy fellows who stood on the streets and said Lancaster wouldn't lead?

Gentlemen of the incoming city council, keep Lancaster in the lead. Much is expected of you in this regard.

One of our wishes for the New Year is that the G. O. P. may merit the same disastrous defeat they ran up against in 1912.

Mr. Business Man, start the new year by letting the people know that you are still in the game. The News offers you the happy medium through which to do it.

Whatever may be said about it, it can't be gainsaid that Henry Ford was animated by a laudable purpose to bring about a cessation of the terrible war in Europe.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly, grant dear old South Carolina the boon of an out-and-out state-wide compulsory education law with no strings to it.

Neither Santa Claus nor Andrew Carnegie gave Lancaster a public library for a Christmas present. Both old gentlemen prefer to help those who help themselves. If we want a library for Lancaster we must work for it.

"There are hundreds of people, we are sorry to say, who love whiskey more than law," says The Newberry Observer, and we dare not dispute the statement when we consider the number of recent homicides in South Carolina.

"What has become of the old-fashioned man who used to say 'onct' and 'twict'?" asks The State. He probably waded into the swamp with "Mr. Harris' wife" instead of taking the footlog with "Cousin Sally Dillard" and "Mose."

The News is not taking holiday, as are most of the semi-weeklies and even the dailies, and has not missed a single issue. But again this week as last, we are going to press Thursday afternoon instead of Friday in order that the paper will reach all of our readers this week.

DENOMINATIONAL AND STATE COLLEGES.

In order that our readers may better understand the communication of Rev. J. S. Moffatt, president of Erskine College, which appears elsewhere in this issue, we reproduce the following editorial to which Dr. Moffatt takes exception, leaving it to them to judge whether it is "unkind in spirit and even offensive to the friends and supporters of these (denominational) colleges."

This is the editorial:
"Some papers in the state are now agitating the old matter of the state and denominational colleges. This agitation will do no good, but on the contrary, is calculated to do harm. 'Why should the friends of the denominational colleges entertain any jealousy of the state colleges? They can hardly deny that there should be state colleges which are bound to be supported by taxes paid by the people. To our mind only those students who are not able to pay the tuition should get the benefit of the scholarships. Too often there are admitted into the college students whose parents are able to pay for them, yet do not, but this is the fault either of the law or its administration."

"The denominational colleges should stand or fall upon their own merits and their friends will not add to the strength of these institutions by periodically whining and whimpering because Clemson, Winthrop, the Citadel and South Carolina University get large appropriations from the state. We want to see these institutions which are doing such a good work kept up to the standard, provided this is not done to the injury of the common schools of the state. The denominational colleges are likewise doing in their several spheres a great work and will continue to do so in spite of the ill-advised carping at the state institutions by some of their misguided friends and supporters."

We do not think any fair-minded person can gather from this editorial anything "unkind in spirit" or "even offensive to the friends and supporters of denominational colleges."

If, as Dr. Moffatt says, there are indications that measures are being contemplated to "put a knife into the vitals" of the denominational colleges we have never heard of them, and if such intention exists The News would certainly resent it. Our purpose in writing the above editorial was to sound a warning note against any agitation by the friends and supporters of the denominational colleges, against the state colleges. The secular and religious institutions have been and are now doing a splendid work. Why should any movement be started calculated to injure either of them? No friend of a denominational institution should begrudge the state appropriating every dollar of money needed to educate every poor boy and girl in South Carolina, especially in view of the fact that South Carolina stands next to the bottom in the list of states in the matter of education. The state cannot make appropriations to denominational institutions and if the pall of ignorance that envelops it is to be dispelled it has to be done by appropriations to the common schools and state institutions. Today hundreds of poor girls and boys are not receiving higher education because of the inadequacy of the appropriations to the state colleges. Why should not all of our colleges in their several spheres continue without friction among their friends, the splendid work of educating the young men and women of South Carolina?

Mr. Thomas W. Loyless, editor of The Augusta Chronicle, one of the most independent and fearless dailies of the South, has come out for national prohibition. Mr. Loyless frankly admits that he has changed his views and wants everybody to know he has changed. It is indeed refreshing, in these days of time-serving, for a man to admit his error and right about face, lending the whole force of his powerful pen to the cause he believes to be right. None who read the editorial announcement of his change of heart can doubt the sincerity of Thomas W. Loyless. The same brave stand for law and order made by Mr. Loyless when he challenged the inflammatory writings of Tom Watson, marked him as a man unafraid. When other influential Georgia dailies dared not meet the demagogue in debate, Mr. Loyless, in The Chronicle, proved himself more than a match for Watson and did much towards counteracting his baneful influence.

The issue appears to be squarely drawn between the United States and Austria-Hungary over the sinking of the Ancona. The dual government admits that their submarine sank the vessel after her engines had stopped and the passengers were being put into life boats. The argument is at an end. Austria-Hungary will have to make amends or suffer the consequences of failure to do so.

THE BOLL WEEVIL MENACE.

From time to time we have been urging our farmers to prepare for the coming of the boll weevil. Yesterday we had an interesting talk with Mr. Lewis H. Elliott of Carroll county, Mississippi, on the subject of this pest. Mr. Elliott left Lancaster many years ago and is now engaged in farming and stock raising. He says the weevil struck his section about five years ago and is still operating there. He says if the farmers of Lancaster are wise they will commence at once to prepare for his coming by cutting down the acreage in cotton and planting the land in grain, grasses and clover crops. Many farmers in Mississippi failed to heed the warnings sent out, and before they realized it the boll weevil was upon them and left them practically bankrupt. Before the weevil arrived Mr. Elliott says, he attended a meeting of farmers, who were addressed by a government expert on the subject of the destruction wrought by the insect. The speaker urged them to take warning and make preparations for its coming. He told them that he felt sure that he was looking into the faces of men who would be literally ruined in a short time. To many the warning fell upon deaf ears and the prediction was fulfilled.

Mr. Elliott says he took the advice offered and began by cutting down his cotton acreage, as well as by raising stock, but notwithstanding, he was hit hard, but by reason of his change in his methods of farming he was able to overcome what was a serious blow. He says he now plants very little cotton, but is making money from his cattle and horses and mules, which he is raising on the farm. Another thing Mr. Elliott says, when the weevil comes he comes to stay, but that he can do no harm to anything except cotton. We wish every farmer in the county could have heard Mr. Elliott on the subject of the boll weevil. He says that in four or five years at the farthest he will strike this section. The lower part of the state may expect him in a much shorter time. Mr. Elliott declares there is no time like the present to make preparation, by crop diversification and stock raising for his appearance.

DENOMINATIONAL COLLEGES.

Dr. Moffatt of Erskine College Takes Exception to Editorial in The News.

To the Editor of The News:
In a recent issue of The News there was an editorial in reference to denominational colleges which was unkind in spirit, and even offensive to the friends and supporters of these colleges.

The denominational colleges are not whining and whimpering about what the state colleges get, nor are they making war upon the state colleges. They are asking only that they may not be unjustly discriminated against, and be subjected to such competition as will seriously cripple their operation. The denominational colleges have done and are doing a good work for the citizenship of the state. Why should the state with its great resources turn upon these institutions which are promoting its welfare and put a knife into their vitals? And there are indications that measures which will tend to such undesirable results are in contemplation.

And when these institutions, which, with difficulty and sacrifice, have been and are ministering to the educational needs of the state, dare lift up their voice for their right to live, they are scornfully chided with whining and whimpering.

J. S. MOFFATT.

SHOWERD GLASS ON BABIES

Mother and Children at New York Deluged With Shattered Panes When Trains Crash.

While shunting an empty train to the center track for storage at Third avenue and One Hundred and Fifth street a motorman, who gave his name as John Doe, twenty-six, of 348 Powers avenue, Bronx, rammed another empty train ahead of him. The crash was heard for many blocks, and broken glass showered to the street. Someone turned in a fire alarm, and an ambulance was also summoned from Harlem hospital.
Motorman "Doe" was slightly cut on the neck, but refused medical aid. Mrs. Peter Corey of 414 East One Hundred and Twenty-third street, who was passing below the structure with her children, received a shower of glass, which killed the baby carriage. She fainted from the shock, but was able to go home. Neither she nor the children received a wound.—New York World.

Lucky English Angler.
A lucky angler, on the first experience of fishing, has caught at Staines, England, a golden perch, stated to be the first caught in the Thames for the last 20 years. It was 14 inches long and weighed one pound and four ounces.

Optimistic Thought.
Today for money, tomorrow for nothing.

FROM OTHER PAPERS.

Was He Good to You?
Well, what did he bring you?—Spartanburg Herald.

And So Soon Thereafter.
Who wants to read editorials so close to Christmas anyway?—Greenwood Index.

The Aftermath.
Even Christmas has its fit in the ointment. The bills must be paid.—Barnwell Sentinel.

Good Advice.
Next year will be leap year, and we advise the girls to look before they leap.—Anderson Mail.

"As the Twig is Bent."
Give a little boy a little pistol and when he becomes a big man he will want a big pistol.—Edgefield Advertiser.

One Paragrapher Satisfied.
Christmas comes but once a year. With all its happiness and cheer; And though it may sound grouchy, huh, That once is quite enough for mub.—The State.

Municipal Tree a Success.
The municipal Christmas tree was a beautiful feast for the eyes of both the little people and the older ones. The success of the first endeavor will likely lead to still better things next season.—Charlotte Observer.

A Word in Season.
In these cold days and nights be very careful of the little ones, who will be much around the fire. A fire screen costs very little, and ought to be in every home where there are children.—Newberry Observer.

Likewise Lancaster.
If Valdosta accomplishes nothing else next year but solves the problem of a local market for all sorts of farm products, it will do great things. It will add to its own resources and help conditions throughout this section.—Valdosta (Ga.) Times.

How Often We Hear It.
Very frequently people request that an article be given a prominent place in The Chronicle. One page is just as prominent as another and if you want to get all the news, local as well as general, you must read every page of The Chronicle. It is all home-print and articles are placed without regard to their importance.—Camden Chronicle.

We Took No Holiday.
The country newspapers of South Carolina are making their annual announcements of the holiday vacation. The weeklies will miss one issue while most of the semi-weeklies will miss two issues. Few of the dailies will miss as much as one issue. The Herald will not be published on Christmas Day, but may be expected to appear again on Monday.—Rock Hill Herald.

"Two Young Men."
Take note of two young men: One of them is ignorant, undisciplined, without trained habits of thinking or acting but has a fortune of \$100,000.

The other has a first rate all-around education and is thoroughly "fit" in mind, morals and muscle but hasn't a dollar.

Which of the two has the best chance in the world? Which will best serve the state?

In the answer to the argument for education.—The State.

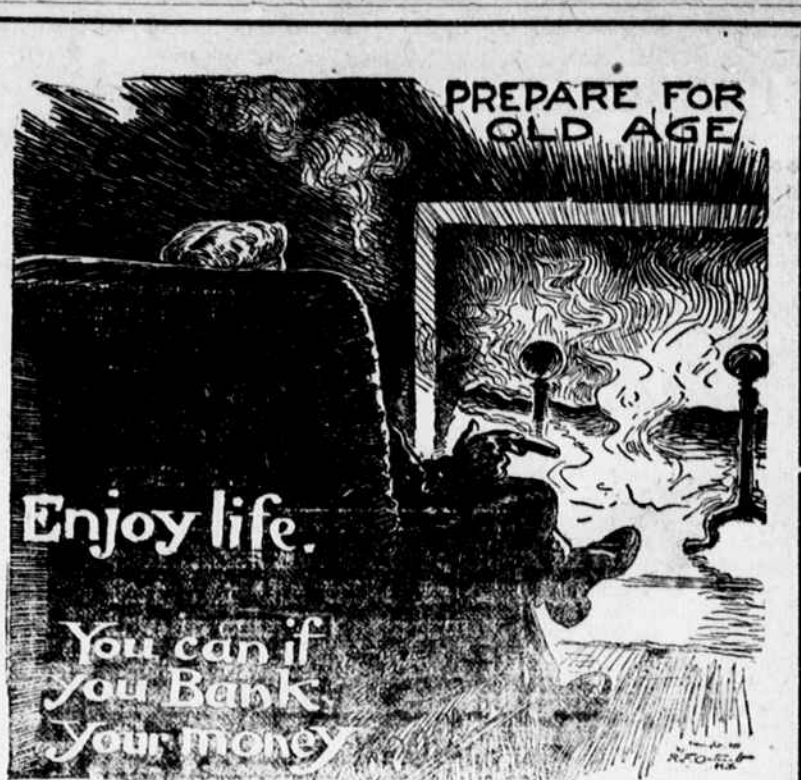
The Christmas Eve Candle.
There is an old custom and a beautiful one, too, originating probably with the French pioneers, of placing a single, tall, white wax candle in a window on Christmas eve, letting it burn all through the night to "light the Christ-child coming down to earth." The custom, we understand, is kept up in some parts of the country, and there appears to be a growing sentiment to encourage the practice in parts of the country where it has been unknown.

We would like to see the old custom revived and the observance of it made general. It would help the children to remember that Christmas is not all getting and giving of material presents, but that it is the birthday of one who loved them, one whose sweetness of spirit they may well try to learn.—Anderson Intelligence.

Why Santa Claus Lives.
Was there ever a wider or more loving conspiracy than that which keeps the venerable figure of Santa Claus from slipping away, with all the other old time myths, into the forsaken wilderness of the past? Of all the personages whose marvelous doings once filled the minds of alone survivors.

He has outlived all the great gods, and all the impressive and poetic conceptions which once flitted between heaven and earth—these have gone, but Santa Claus remains by virtue of a common understanding that childhood shall not be despoiled of one of its most cherished beliefs, either by the mythologist, with his sun myth theory, or the scientist, with his homelike diatribe against superstition.

There is a good deal more to be said on this subject if this were the place to say it. Even superstition has its uses and sometimes its sound heart of truth. He who does not see in the legend of Santa Claus a beautiful faith on one side and the naive embodiment of a divine fact on the other is not fit to have a place at the Christmas board. For him there should be neither Carol nor holly nor mistletoe. They only shall keep the feast to whom all these things are but the outward and visible signs of an inward and spiritual grace.—Rock Hill Record.



Every life has its December. Every man is looking forward to a comfortable old age; for when the STORMS OF ADVERSITY come, we wish to feel that we are in, out of trouble. Old age must come, and old age with adversity is a very DISMAL PROSPECT for anyone. If you want to be comfortably cared for when you grow old, begin caring for yourself now. Start a bank account with us NOW.

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LANCASTER, S. C.

"THE CLINK OF GOLD BEHIND THE VOICE."

Washington (Ga.) Reporter.

We recently read an editorial under the above caption that impressed us. It was not such an impression, however, as the writer intended that the article should convey, for instead of revealing to our mind the selfishness in the clamor for military preparedness that it was designed to show the editor's own bid for the approval of a certain "class" of readers had so clearly the "clink of gold" behind his pen that any force the article might have had was lost; and right at this point a sermon is needed to be preached. Reformers are slow to learn that their influence and strength depends upon their ability to subordinate everything that is selfish to the good of the cause they espouse. That once the element of selfishness crops out in a reformer that exactly to this extent has he become important. Alas! the "clink of gold" behind the "voice," and behind the pen is one of the most alarming symptoms confronting the world today. It is not always in the form of "gold" that the temptation appears, being often patronage, influence, position, public favor, but all of which are redeemable in gold. So great is the demand for men of ability, and so great the resources for their employment that clever and resourceful men find it difficult to resist the insidious overtures that are made them by designing interests, or to refuse, on their own account, to become mere tools of unscrupulous cunning and clever mendacity. This is all the more difficult to escape for the further reason that failing in their purpose to bribe you, for this is what it means, they will carefully plan to oppose everything you undertake, because you would not be bribed. In other words, FORCE is the slogan of our modern civilization, and it injects its cowardly form into matters social, political, religious and material. We see capitalists making war upon capitalists, politicians denouncing politicians of the same political faith, reformers attempting to reform reformers, prohibitionists denouncing temperance advocates, Christians berating Christians, and all of these things in spite of the fact that people generally are striving for the same ends. Why, then, such conflict, such rivalry, such hindrance? It is because of the mad scramble to catch the voice of the "clink of gold." We forget that we are brothers, had the same origin and must eventually accept the democracy of death. Usually between those pursuing a common journey there is a feeling of fellowship, of comradeship, of mutual helpfulness, but on the journey from the "cradle to the grave" the vast horde of humanity travel together in bitter turmoil and strife, each proclaiming his own individuality and purpose as though the whole world was created for his exclusive passage through it. Alas! alas, for the hypocrisy, inconsistency and insincerity of people! And what

is the disturbing factor? "The clink of gold." God pity and help us, is the plea of one as guilty as the rest, but who is constantly striving to get some just conception of life and its purposes.

Preparedness.

Raleigh News and Observer.

The "preparedness" which President Wilson seeks to have for this country is a preparedness which will make for peace. It is not that the United States should gird up its loins for war, but that it should be in that position of preparedness which will be for peace.

The present war in Europe is going to end some day, and when that day comes the nations which are now in arms must of necessity make a program for the future for themselves. And in that program there will be concerned the rights of the neutral nation as well as the present belligerents. Who, of all nations except the United States should speak out for the conservation of the rights of all the neutrals?

Big questions wait on the future for settlement. The freedom of the seas, the rights of commerce, the binding force of peace pacts, the observance of international law, these and others are to be met. And as spokesman for itself and other neutrals in the present war, the United States should be prepared to speak with that authority which comes from preparedness to take care of itself, to protect its own rights and the rights of its citizens. If we would be in a position to hold to "a strict accountability" any nation we must be prepared to compel respect for our own rights.

If we correctly interpret the sentiment of this country it is with the greatest unanimity giving support to the program of President Wilson for national preparedness. Into the vortex of war there has been drawn nation after nation of Europe. In the questions which have arisen between this country, Germany, Austria-Hungary, and England, the United States has had to speak not alone for itself, but for other neutrals, and the occurrences have been such as to tell us that we must rely upon ourselves. And there can be no better reliance than to be prepared for any and all eventualities.

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The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GAY'S TASTELSS chili TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 35c.

Administratrix Sale.
By virtue of an order from the judge of probate of Lancaster county, I will sell at public outcry at the late residence of William A. McCorkle, deceased, on Tuesday, January 4th, 1916, within the legal hours of sale, the following personal property, belonging to said estate, to-wit: One mule, one cow, two hogs, one buggy and harness, half interest in one wagon, farm tools and shop tools, corn and fodder, household goods. Terms of sale cash.
J. R. EVERALL,
Administratrix Estate of William A. McCorkle, Deceased.
Lancaster, S. C., Dec. 21, 1915.